

I am a Flight Attendant for Spirit Airlines and have worked for the company for 4 years. I am strongly opposed to allowing passengers the use of cellphones in flight. I am a safety professional, first and foremost. An airplane cabin is a close environment, privacy is at a minimum at best. Having dozens of conversations going on at the same time would only cause irritation, anxiety, aggravation, impatience to those who don't want to be privy to their neighbor's conversations. What an annoyance, having to listen to your neighbor's private goings-ons when all you want to do is take a nap! I can envision arguments and confrontations becoming more prevalent. Flight Attendants will be forced to spend more time policing the aircraft than serving our customers. During the best of circumstances, it is a challenge to gain people's attention. With passengers engaged in cellphone conversations, it will become increasingly difficult to command passengers' attention when it is necessary. God forbid, an evacuation would be necessary, and everyone would be reaching for their cellphone to call a loved one on the ground! Of course, there is the ever-present, insidious, threat of terrorist activity aboard an aircraft. Would or would this not allow closer coordination with terrorist activity on the ground? I don't want to find out. In short, in my opinion, allowing the use of cellphones in flight is an unsafe, undesirable practice that will undoubtedly lead to many unfortunate incidents and a decline in customer satisfaction.